

ARGUMENTS/ REMARKS

Claims 242-256 were pending in this application. Claims 242, 243, 249-254 and 256 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ford US 5,681,285 in view of Larcheveque US 2004/0189708. Claims 244-248 and 255 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ford US 5,681,285 in view of Larcheveque US 2004/0189708 and further in view of Official Notice. Applicants have cancelled claims 242-256, making the above-mentioned rejections moot.

New claims 257 – 274 are presented in this amendment. These new claims are believed to be supported by the drawings and description of the original application. Thus, no new matter has been added. The prior art fails to show or fairly suggest multiple real time data entry schema rules in the context of a drug library with limits for various infusion pumps as required by the new claims. The prior art fails to show or fairly suggest that the real time data entry schema rules include 1) individual entry data validation rules based on how the individual entry being entered compares to manufacturer-defined infusion pump capabilities for a target infusion pump of the plurality of infusion pumps, and 2) rule set self-validation rules based on how the individual entry being entered compares logically to related operating/programming limits for a given programming/operating parameter in the drug library for a given clinical care area where the target infusion pump can be used.

A Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Extension of Time by three (3) months, from April 3, 2011 to July 5, 2011, is enclosed with authorization to charge the appropriate fees to the assignee's Deposit Account 50-3118. No further fees or requests for extensions of time are believed to be due with this paper; however, the Commissioner is authorized to consider this a request for any extension of time necessary and charge our Deposit Account 50-3118 for any additional fees (or credit any over payments) that may be required in association with this communication.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the claims, as amended. Please contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicants by telephone if it will advance the allowance of the

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